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SUBJ: ARREST OF CHRISTIAN TRADE UNIONISTS IN PARAGUAY

REF: (A) ASUNCION 17; (B) ASUNCION 113; (C) BUENOS AIRES
9993 (NOTAL)

1. JAN KULAKOWSKI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD
CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL), IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION
WITH USEC LABOR ATTACHE JAN. 7 CALLED THE ARREST OF
CHRISTIAN TRADE UNIONISTS IN PARAGUAY (REFTEL A) THE
"MOST FLAGRANT CURRENT CASE OF VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION
AND HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. AS A RESULT OF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM ITS REGIONAL
ORGANIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA, THE WCL HAS ISSUED A
PRESS RELEASE CONDEMNING THE ARRESTS AND ASKING
"INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION" TO CONDEMN THE "NEW WAVE
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OF REPRESSION WHICH AFFECTS PARAGUAYAN WORKERS."

3. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THE WCL HAS AP-
PEALED FOR HELP INCLUDE THE ILO AND THE EUROPEAN TRADE
UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC). THE ETUC, HEADQUARTERED
HERE, HAS IN TURN ASKED THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERN-

MENT. ACCORDING TO ETUC GENERAL SECRETARY MATHIAS HINTERSCHIED, COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAERKAMP ON JAN. 10 PROMISED TO CONTACT THE PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR HERE FOR A REPORT ON THE ARRESTS.

4. THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) HAS RECEIVED NO DIRECT APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE (SUCH AS CITED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL C), ACCORDING TO THE ICFTU SECRETARIAT, BUT HAS AUTHORIZED HINTERSCHIED TO SPEAK FOR THE ICFTU ALSO IN HIS EFFORTS WITH THE EC COMMISSION. HINTON

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